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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF 80 MILE FISHERY ZONE IN FRENCH GUIANA

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1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF FRENCH GUIANA TOLD ME JUNE TWELFTH THAT DECREE IMPLEMENTING EIGHTY MILE FISHERIES ZONE HAD STILL NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM PARIS. HE BELIEVES THAT IT WILL TURN OUT TO APPLY GENERALLY RATHER THAN AGAINST COUNTRIES WHICH SET UP FISHING LIMITS GREATER THAN TWELVE MILES FOR FRENCH FISHERMEN. HOWEVER, HE INSISTED HE HAS NO INSIDE INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE THIS PREDICTION.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL SEEMED SOMEWHAT ANTAGONISTIC TO PRESENCE AMERICAN- OWNED SHRIMP INDUSTRY IN FRENCH GUIANA. HE SUGGESTED THAT PROHIBITION WILL APPLY AGAINST INDEPENDENT AMERICAN SHRIMP BOATS FISHING WITHIN EIGHTY MILE FISHERIES ZONE EVEN IF THEIR CATCH IS ALWAYS SOLD TO FRENCH- GUIANA BASED PROCESSORS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING TAX ON SHRIMP LANDED IN FRENCH GUIANA TO COMPENSATE FOR REVENUE GOVERNMENT LOSES BECAUSE OF COMPANIES ALLEGEDLY QUESTIONABLE ACCOUNTING PRACTICES. FINALLY, HE INDICATED CONSIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION WITH WAY ONE OF THE TWO AMERICAN- OWNED SHRIMP COMPANIES HAS CARRIED OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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